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DISSOLUTION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HANDICAPPED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to dissolve National Commission for Handicapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Commission has completed his work and the schemes formulated under the Commission have been completed;

(d) if not, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the Government is unable to provide funds for the remaining work of the schemes;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) &(b) National Commission for Persons with Disability (NCPD) was set up vide Resolution date 16th October, 2003. At that time it was also decided to repeal the provisions relating to the post of Chief Commissioner of Disabilities (CCD) under the `Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (PWD). However, the NCPD after studying the role assigned to the Office of CCD recommended that CCD must continue as a separate entity.

On reconsideration, it was decided not to abolish the post of CCD. However, it was decided to wind up NCPD vide Resolution dated 20th October, 2004.

(c) to (g) NCPD had not formulated any schemes.

However, persons with disabilities are being assisted under various schemes of the Central Government viz Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids & Appliances (ADIP), Loans through National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, Training & Rehab-Services through National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres (CRCs), District Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs), Regional Rehabilitation Training Centres (RRTCs) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs), provision for providing need based services to persons with autism mental retardation cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities through National Trust, National Scholarships etc. Besides, State Governments also run their own schemes for welfare of persons with disabilities.